

WE STILL HAVE A FEW SWIMMIN' HOLES

There are Three Near Columbia—Old Dairy Pond Has Been Drained.

ROUND HOLE IS BEST

But They Are All for Boys—Girls Have to Use Bathtubs.

There are three good swimming holes around Columbia where there used to be four. These are Sandy Nook, the hole on the Grindstone and Round Hole. The fourth was called the Dairy Pond but it was drained this spring and no longer offers immersion in a sea of tawny-looking water to the boy who would jump into it.

Swimming holes vary in their desirability but they all have one quality in common. They are like the whiskey which an old Missouri druggist used to drink. He said that some kinds were better than others but that all were good. It is the same way with these Columbia swimming holes. They all have their advantages. Sandy Nook is located a short distance down the creek from Hinkson Chapel and is a fairly good pool and easy to reach for the boys in that community.

The hole on the Grindstone is a

good place. It is out of sight, secluded and far enough away that the boy feels that he is out of town and in a region where he may have some adventures.

The Dairy Pond used to be considered a good place. It was big and very deep, being fifteen or twenty feet in depth next to the dam. Then too it had a tree growing on the dam. One could climb up into that tree, ease his way out on a limb and fall with the grandest kind of a splash into a great pool of clay-colored water.

Best Hole on Hinkson Creek.

But the hole of all holes, the one which held the supremacy in the days of the Dairy Pond and the one which holds it yet is Round Hole. It is located about half or three-quarters of a mile down Hinkson Creek below Rollins Spring. Years ago through some turn to the current or through a softness in the creek bottom a great hole was scooped out in the floor of the creek. It is ten or fifteen feet deep and large enough to hold a great many boys and give each plenty of swimming room. Then too the woods have closed around it, it is away from the road and there is no danger of detection.

Here then is the very place for adventure, the very place to imagine that one is fully grown up and in a wild country. So the boy who feels that he is getting too big to be content with small puddles and who wants to have a real swimming time slips off to Round Hole and throwing his clothes under a tree jumps with a joyous splash into deep water.

University Students Find Them.

The small boy is not alone in his enjoyment of the pool. Many a University student learns of its location and forgetting calculus yields to a call that is older than the one to higher mathematics. Though he won't admit it many a business man who in his young days was a real boy would like to let the cool waters soothe his skin and wash away his business cares.

All of the above-mentioned swimming holes apply to boys alone. There is no swimming hole around Columbia for the use of the girls. Consequently if their parents will not let them go to the Christian College pool the bathtub is about all that is left to them. Two Columbia girls fourteen or fifteen years of age tried this the other day.

They filled the bathtub and then got in it dresses and all. As they played, the water splashed out and the tub continually needed refilling. This went on for some time and the girls did not notice what was becoming of the water. But when it seeped down until it wet the ceiling and began to drip on the center table, they were reminded of it and given reason to believe that there might be a hereafter on this earth.

R. F. D. ROADS BEING INSPECTED

Highways to Be Brought Up to Government's Requirements.

L. J. Hall, postmaster, is conducting inspection of the roads over which the rural routes going out from Columbia go. The purpose of this inspection is to get the roads improved and brought up to the government requirements for post roads. Any culverts, bridges or grading and dragging which may be needed will be recommended to the road overseers.

Two of the roads have been inspected and the proper improvements have been recommended. It is hoped that all of this work will be completed before winter and that the rural free delivery service will be materially improved.

Political Announcements

For Constable, Columbia Township. We are authorized to announce S. J. Burks a candidate for the office of constable, Columbia Township, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, August 3, 1926.

For Constable, Columbia Township. We are authorized to announce Glover H. McAllister a candidate for the office of constable, Columbia Township, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, August 3, 1926.

For Constable, Columbia Township. We are authorized to announce Jabe Sublett a candidate for the office of constable, Columbia Township, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, August 3, 1926.

For County Court Judge. We are authorized to announce Frank L. Gibbs a candidate for the office of Judge of County Court, Northern District of Boone County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in August, 1926.

For County Sheriff. We are authorized to announce Fred C. Brown a candidate for the office of sheriff of Boone County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in August, 1926.

For County Sheriff. We are authorized to announce G. Ed Chambers a candidate for the office of sheriff of Boone County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in August, 1926.

For Congressman, Eighth District. We are authorized to announce W. L. Nelson as a candidate for re-election as Congressman of the Eighth District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, August 3, 1926.

For County Assessor. We are authorized to announce W. H. Pace a candidate for the office of assessor of Boone County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in August, 1926.

For Representative Boone County. We are authorized to announce James B. Rogers a candidate for the office of representative of Boone County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in August, 1926.

For Prosecuting Attorney. We are authorized to announce Ruby M. Hulen a candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Boone County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in August, 1926.

HOW WOULD YOU USE ONE MILLION DOLLARS?

What would you do with a million dollars if you had it?

Cyrus Gray, whose place of business is in his wheel chair on Broadway, said that he would buy a farm, an automobile and an electric wheel chair. The last seemed to interest him most and his face lighted up when he thought of the possibilities of such a chair.

A young negro man said: "I'd try to investigate it in some way where I could keep it."

Middle-aged negro workman on Jay H. Neff Hall stopped sitting and for a moment said, "Well, sub, I don't want a million. I'd rather have my health. If my health holds I can make it anyway. A man with a million dollars has to study how to keep it while all I have to do at night is to study what to do with the little \$4 that I make."

"I wouldn't know anything to do with it but put it on interest," said the man who works on the University grounds.

A Journalism student had no difficulty in telling what he would do with his million. "I'd go to New York and buy a big soft drink emporium. I'd also buy my way into the 'Four Hundred'."

The hesitation that followed these questions shows that the average working man does not think much about the possibilities of becoming rich. Carnegies and Rockefellers may rise from poverty to immense wealth but the chance for him is too far off and immediate needs are too pressing for him to waste time in dreaming of wealth. The only ready answer was that of the Journalism student who doubtless had not yet been caught in the grind of everyday work and everyday living.

Yet even with the lack of thought for four out of the five answers showed that the desire for wealth was so unquestioned that it did not need to be considered. Hence the only problem of the answers was what to do with the wealth when it was once gotten.

Only one man of the five didn't care for the million but instead cared more for health and his honest day's wage. Dark of skin and no doubt poor in material wealth he is none less a philosopher—even though his philosophy is gained at the sand pile where he works. Setting himself against the money-craze of a materialistic age he dares to be content and not to eat his heart out with longing after the possession of wealth.

SPORTS

Massengale Finally Makes Olympic Team.

Someone once said, "You can't keep a good man down." But the author of this statement evidently had not attended anything like the Olympic trials that were held at Harvard Stadium last week. Many a good man who earned his place on the team was left out in the cold in favor of another who had the "pull." And so George Massengale would have been on his way back to Columbia, although he was among the first four to place in the finals of the 220-yard dash, if it had not been for the vehement protest of Coach Bob Simpson.

According to Simpson, who returned from the East yesterday, the eastern colleges and athletic clubs did everything in their power to get men on the team even though they did not place in the tryouts. Such was Massengale's case. When the official list came out George was left off and other men who placed far behind him were listed.

Word was received today that the judges, after Simpson's gentle hint, had decided that Massengale deserved to go.

Represented by Hamilton, Schols

and Massengale, University of Missouri has more men on the American team than any other college or university in the United States with the exception of Leland Stanford, which has an equal number.

In telling about the 100-yard dash in the final tryouts, Coach Simpson said that it was really two races. The first race was between Murchison and Schols for first place, while the second was between Paddock and Kirksey, fighting it out in the rear for second. Murchison beat Jack by only four inches. The reason the time was no better, Simpson said, was because, contrary to common belief, the Harvard Stadium track is slow and dead. The height of the stands causes the wind to eddy and face the runners both on the straightway and the back stretch.

"I don't think the people here realize," said Simpson, "what a handicap Brutus Hamilton was under when he won the decathlon and broke the record. I arrived at Travers Island the first afternoon after the tryouts had started. He had been sick all night before and was fifteen pounds under weight."

"Even with these odds against him he won third for the afternoon and ran the 400-meter dash in 52 seconds. After a good night's rest he stepped out the next day and broke the record. If he had been well the first day there is no telling how badly the record would have been broken."

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